

Tyrus Cobb Plans to Train With Griffmen But Must Work to Stay in Camp

COBB MUST HUSTLE TO STAY AT CAMP

Tiger Not Wanted at Augusta If Seeking Only to Improve His Batting.

RAIN GREETS GRIFFMEN

"Sunny South" Not Very Sunny in Neighborhood of Training City.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 2.—Ty Cobb, the Georgia Peach, who hopes to enjoy three weeks of practice with the Griffmen, may find it not so easy to turn this trick. There seems a well defined theory here that all he wants is batting practice.

If he declines to take his turn in the fielding drill every day, but insists on hitting all the Washington pitchers, he may find himself shut out of the camp. Cobb is in good condition now. He visited the Albion yesterday, calling upon the players, who had just arrived in town from Washington. He extended to them the freedom of the city, in which he now lives, invited them out to see him play golf on the Bon Air links, and then promised to be around as soon as the batting practice began.

Cobb does not expect to report to the Detroit club until March 28. By remaining here until that time he would be able to be with the Griffmen throughout all their spring training trip. For several other reasons besides Cobb's willingness to hit and not do any fielding, it may be impossible for him to remain in the camp.

It is unlikely that the Old Fox will want Cobb, a member of his league enemies, the Detroit Tigers, to get much of a line upon the actions of his players, especially of his pitchers. This whole matter will be left to the Griffmen as Manager Griffith comes down from the Capitol with the remainder of his squad next week.

Mike Martin has mapped out a course of practice that will not call for much hard work until Monday. He wants the pitchers to improve their wind and strengthen their arms before trying any real pitching. It will take several days before they will be ready for the opposing batsmen.

Rain accompanied by a high cold wind prevented the first day's work-out for the Washington battery candidates. It is unlikely that the athletes will be able to begin their training until tomorrow. Today most of the players journeyed to the ball park to complete all their necessary arrangements for the daily practice sessions, and then returned to the hotel.

John T. Berry, the Chicago semi-pro pitcher, is another addition of Ed. Gharrity, and while he says nothing, he is going to work his hardest to make an impression on the Old Fox.

It is quite like old times for the Griffmen to find rain waiting them at their training camp. It rained in spells all day yesterday and blew up cold at night. The outlook today is for more rain, followed by clearing and warmer weather.

The ball park to be used by the big leaguers during their stay here is in fair condition, the grass coming up prettily in the outfield. The Augusta club has torn down its old grandstand and is now erecting a new one. The fence has also been demolished and so anybody who wishes will be able to watch the daily drill.

Accommodations for the players in the club house erected for their particular use are all that could be desired and no complaints have been heard from the chronic kickers. With good weather, Griffith's players ought to have little trouble in getting away to a flying start.

BERT GALLIA HERE

Pitcher Brings Bride and Will See Inauguration.

Bert Gallia, the Griffmen's curve ball artist, who was to have accompanied the first squad of players to the training camp, arrived today with his bride after an eventful trip from his home at Woodboro, Tex., and was given permission by the Old Fox to remain over in time to see part of the inauguration. He will leave for Augusta on the 3 o'clock train Monday afternoon.

Gallia had to come in a roundabout way, owing to washouts on the road. He is in fine fettle, having done considerable conditioning work before leaving home. Mrs. Gallia will stay here while Bert is at camp.

ACCIDENT SPELLS SUCCESS

Maupome's Billiard Career Due to Wrenched Ankle.

Much has been written about the queer quirks and twists of fortune, and it is a fact that the most trivial happenings have shaped destinies and even upset empires. Here, however, is a new one. Pierre Maupome, the Mexican billiard wizard, attributes his meteoric rise in the cue world to a sprained ankle. About twenty years ago Maupome, whose fantastic skill as a three-cushion player has earned him a reputation that is known from coast to coast, was a cyclist.

One day in St. Louis while bowling merrily along on his machine he wrenched his ankle. Looking around for a place to rest, he espied a billiard hall, and forthwith entered. While stopping there he became interested in the game. Thereafter he devoted much of his time to learning its principles. He proved an apt pupil and gradually developed his latent talent and became an expert.

Augusta Waiting to See Mighty Walter On Mound

Populace To Turn Out In a Body When Griffmen's Star Reaches Camp—Rookies Arrive In Excellent Shape.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 2.—When Walter Johnson, King of American League twirlers, and only competitor of Grover Cleveland Alexander for the premier honors of the big leagues, arrives in this town, a holiday will be declared. The whole population is anxious to see the big fellow in action, and there is certain to be a big crowd of fans at the park every day while the Washington club is in training.

"Augusta has read a lot about Walter Johnson, but has never seen him," says Tom Pettit, a former Washingtonian now residing here. "It is too bad our Augusta club has no exhibition games with Mr. Griffith's boys, for then we might see Johnson really try. But in the practice games between the two squads Johnson is bound to do some pitching and, if Griffith will tip us off, we'll all be out to see him wind up."

Humphreys Has Hopes. Charlie Humphreys, whose home is in Atlanta, arrived last night just in time to get something to eat and to enjoy a hearty handshake from all of his friends who were at Charlottesville with him last spring. Humphreys looks well and says that he hopes to stick with the team this spring.

George Dumont and Claude Thomas arrived in the afternoon the former

coming from Minneapolis and the latter from Oklahoma.

Dumont has been wrestling with ice cakes all winter, and is eleven pounds heavier than when he reported last spring at the team's camp in Virginia. Outdoor work in a cold climate has hardened him considerably, and Manager Griffith is sure to be delighted with his appearance.

Thomas looks quite as he did last fall when he joined the team in the West, though he claims to be bit over weight. He doesn't show it to any great extent.

Dumont Unfortunate.

Dumont's father died during the past winter, and then his house burned down, adding to his troubles. Ill luck has attended the little Frenchman, who now says that he is going to show the Old Fox some real pitching this spring.

"I've seen what the batsmen are in this league," grins Monty, "and I guess I can hold my own. If I can't now I never will."

Fred Harvey, a Washington business man, is with the players here and intends continuing through out the training trip.

Bobby Lowe, the old Boston National Leaguer, now a scout for the Detroit club, is here, and expects to get into uniform and cavort a few cavorts with the Washington players for a few days.

MANY BIG LEAGUERS BEING PASSED UP

One Hundred and Thirty Who Shone in 1914 Dropped Out Since.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, March 2.—More than 130 players who drew salaries in the major leagues in 1914 have dropped out since.

Of the Boston Braves who won the world's championship that year, Strand, Joe Connolly, Cather, Schmidt, Gilbert, Devore, Moran, Heas, Whaling, Crutcher, and Cocke have gone.

Sixteen Pass Along.

The Yankees in 1914 carried sixteen men who since have passed along. King Cole is dead, while the minors have taken Cook, Mullen, Daley, Hart, Boone, Sweeney, Truesdale, McHale, Holden, Keating, Williams, Carroll Brown, and Pieh. Birdie Cree retired last year.

The Clevelanders severed relations with Lelivelt, Barbara, Kike, Lajoie, Johnston, R. Wood, Basler, Carisch, Birmingham, Bland, Blanding, Collins, Bowman, and Hagerman.

Browns Drop Nine.

The Browns lost Leary, Gus Williams, Wallace, Wares, Leverenz, Rumber, Baumgartner, Hoch, and Crossin. Hugh Jennings, of the Tigers, parted company with Morarity, Dubuc, D. Baker, Purcell, Main, Reynolds, and Hall. The White Sox dismissed Kuhn, Demmitt, Blackburn, Lord, Alcock, and Berger.

The Athletics are minus the services of Lapp, Oldring, Bressler and Bender. The departed Red Sox of that season are Reher, Ray, Collins, Rankin Johnson, and Bedient, while Clark Griffith has turned out Alva Williams, Bentley, Dutch Schafer and others who wore Washington uniforms three years ago. One by one the roses fall.

Pirates Cast Off.

The Pirates soon cast off Gibson, Viox, Gerber, Mike Mitchell, Jim Kelly, Hyatt, Menor, Babe Adams, Norman McQuillan, and Councilman. Colonel Ebbets, of the Brooklyn set Tex Erwin, Dalton, Rucker, Hummel, Schultz and Alchison, drifted. The Phillies finally released Becker, Martin, Ireland, Mattison, Dootin, Tincup, Marshall and Baumgartner. Huggins of the Cardinals found able substitutes for Wilson, Skinner, Robinson, Dolan, Riggert, Cruise, Butler, Beck, Dresden and Greene, while the Reds released Roy Miller, Bergenhammer, Daniels, and Douglass.

Under Roger Bresnahan's management the Cubs who will not be seen again in fast company, include Fisher, Pheasant, Goode, Leach, Bates, Humphries, Corriden, Derrick, Hargraves, Bill Donovan, Kinsley and Keating. McGraw got rid of Wiltse, Pheasant, Snodgrass, McLean, Froom, O'Toole, and Donlin, who were members of the Giants in 1914 while Mathewson, now is the manager of the Reds.

THORPE'S LAST CHANCE

Making Final Effort for Big League Job at Marlin.

MARLIN, Tex., March 2.—Jim Thorpe, the famous Indian athlete, is receiving his last chance to make good as a major league player. Thorpe is here with the Giants and is eager to prove that he belongs in a fast company. He played with the Milwaukee American Association club last year, and in 143 games he had a batting average of .274. Incidentally Thorpe knocked out ten home runs and led the circuit in stolen bases with forty-eight to his credit. Thorpe will have a hard time to crowd himself into the Giants outfield. Burns, Kauff, and Robertson look like fixtures. McGraw also has Jack Murray and George Kelly to be used in case of accidents. But if Thorpe can hit the ball as he did last year he will be selected as an outfield substitute instead of Murray. Kelly will be retained as a substitute first baseman.

DEFENSE KILLING BATTING AVERAGES

Development of That End of Game Responsible for Reduction, Says Griff.

Falling off of general batting averages in the big league has given rise to much discussion of late. Even Clark Griffith is telling what he thinks about it. In an argument yesterday Griffith was of the opinion that the crack outfits of the present were superior to those of the old days, if Connie Mack's pennant winners of three or four years back excelled the Orioles of the early nineties, for instance.

Present Teams Stronger.

"Why Mack's outfit would have eaten them up," said Griffith. "Nowadays a study is made of each and every individual batter. His weak points and his general style are carefully noted, and whenever he appears at the plate with a bat in his hand the pitchers and the fielders behind him govern themselves according to a set plan of defense mapped out beforehand. The pitcher devotes his attention to trying to make the batsman hit in a certain direction, and the fielders know what to expect and are laying for him."

Show More Science.

"The ball is hit just as hard and just as often as in the old days, but the fielders are showing more intelligence in their work. It is a hard matter to do some of the batters at all, but the general result of the study given the scientific end of the game has been a marked decrease in batting."

"It is estimated that batting has fallen off about 20 per cent in the American League in the last five years, but the real reason for it is a stronger defensive play. It is true that the foul strike rule has handicapped batters to a certain extent, but it does not account for the general slump in the average stickwork of the past few seasons."

Now we can expect to hear from such old-timers as John Kelly and such, who cannot be made to believe that baseball has improved a particle since the days of Anson and others.

GANDIL MAY BALK

Demands Salary Increase Promised by Indians.

CHICAGO, March 2.—President Comiskey's move to secure a promising first sacker and dodge the hold-out proclivities of Jack Nease, seems to have gone awry. Nease insists that he is through unless a \$500 increase is affixed to the contract offered him. Comiskey purchased Chick Gandil from Cleveland. Gandil, from New Orleans, announced that unless the salary increase he asked of Cleveland is forthcoming, he doesn't intend to wear a Sox uniform. The question now bothers the "Old Roman" is which of the two players, Nease or Gandil, is worth the price.

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G. W. U. MEET GETS UNDER WAY EARLY

Athletes to Gather at Convention Hall for Final Sport Card.

Indoor track athletics will be concluded for the season with tonight's games held by George Washington at Convention Hall. Manager William S. James, of the Hatchettes, has pushed no stone unturned in order to make the meet a successful one. He awaits the gathering of the clans.

The preliminary heats starting at 7:30 p. m. will open up an evening of first class sport judging from the fields entered in the various events for schools, colleges, and clubs.

Colleges Are Here.

Athletes from Virginia, Johns Hopkins, Maryland State, Washington and Lee, Georgetown, George Washington, Penn State, Carleton, and Lafayette are all ready for Starter Carney's gun. Among the prominent schools entered are Central Technical, Western, John Marshall High School, Tome School, Baltimore City College, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and Georgetown Prep.

The relay races of which there are many have been carefully matched. It is always a matter of the same ability in a race, but Manager James has had the benefit of watching two other meets this winter and believes he has selected the right teams for competition.

There are sixteen events for open and scholastic competition and four for South Atlantic title honors. Not the least interesting will be the struggle between Georgetown and Virginia for point honors in the association events.

Cracks On Scratch.

In the 50-yard open event Brooke Brewer, of Maryland State, and Dorsey Griffith, of Georgetown, are on scratch. The meeting will be watched with a deal of interest. In the scholastic handicap fifty McNamara, of Tech, and W. Andrews, of B. F. I., are on scratch.

G. O. Lynch, of the Eastern College Academy, is on scratch in the scholastic quarter, while Monroe Sheehan is on the scratch in the scholastic half mile. Aury, of Georgetown, and Stone, of Virginia, are the scratch men in the quarter, while Aury and Weeks, of Hopkins, are on the scratch in the open half.

Stars In Shot Event.

There are several stars in competition in the shotput. Lawrence Grayson, former Western High School star, Alvin Thurman, who was driving an ambulance in France, and H. W. Coleman, Virginia's football captain, and all hailing from Charlottesville, are tossing the weight. Dan O'Connor, Georgetown's football leader, is another weight lifter, as is Leadbetter, the Hopkins crack.

Fior, of Hopkins, and Kimmel, of the Maryland Swimming Club, are on scratch in the high jump, while Harry Weidmann, Georgetown's track captain, must concede inches in the pole vault.

ED GEE WRITES

Declares Tennis Is Booming in the Philippine Islands.

The rapid growth of tennis is demonstrated in a letter from Edwin S. Gee, of Manila, a former Washington player and well known here, who has been active for several years in promoting the game in the Philippines. He writes that in 1906 there were only 300 or 400 players in the islands, Americans and Europeans.

Now there are, at a conservative estimate, 25,000 bona fide Filipino tennis players, and the standard of play is improving by leaps and bounds. They hope eventually to send a team to the United States of really first-class caliber.

That the Philippines are good players is shown by the fact that Church and Throckmorton went five sets to beat Fargas and Suarez, the scores being 6-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1. There were about 300 entries in the tournament for the championship of the Philippines, played February 21, during the Manila carnival.

MOVIES AFTER HOPPE

Famous Billiardists May Accept Offers Later.

Willie Hoppe, the world's champion billiardist, who will appear in this city soon, is flirting with the movies. He has received several good offers to show his skill with the ivory and cue. Several big movie companies have made these offers to Hoppe, and he is considering them at present. When the right one comes along he may yield. Hoppe's brother-in-law, George Walsh, is one of the leading actors with the Fox Company and is being featured in "Melting Millions" at present. Walsh was formerly an athlete at Georgetown University. Another brother-in-law, Hoppe's one of the Fox Film directors on the Pacific coast.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

When predictions of all sorts were running abroad in the land about the player strike in midwinter, one Clark Griffith came forward with the statement that all of the holdouts worth anything would be in the fold in time for starting the training season. Griffith about hit the nail on the head. Each day more players are signed until now the big leaguers have almost a full roster. Griffith's prediction came true.

With schoolboy activities developed to a high state of perfection, and tennis clubs taking considerable interest in the younger generation, why not a junior golf tournament? Time was when the kids cluttered up the golf courses. It has taken Bobby Jones, Phil Carter and Norman Maxwell a short time to convince the older players that many of the kids must be reckoned with. Give the youngsters of fifteen and sixteen a chance in the junior tournaments and it will be but a year or so before this city boasts an number of high class players under seventeen years of age. The idea is worthy of consideration. Let Chevy Chase or Columbia open up in a regular fall or spring junior tournament and there would be plenty of entries.

Now that the advance guard of the Nationals is in Augusta we may look for the annual stories from the correspondents at the front. Snow and frosty weather will give way to the balmy breezes of spring. The regular baseball fan will then wake up and take his medicine. In the meantime we must be content with getting a line on the rookies. Personally we believe the baseball season starts when Walter Johnson takes the mound to hurl the old ball into Eddie Alsimith's waiting mitt. Until then we will read as we ride.

Our old friend Mike never believed

MAY USE STADIUM FOR ANNUAL GAMES

Field and Track Meet May Be Staged at Central This Spring.

High school athletes participating in the annual field and track games May 12 will probably use the new Central stadium. It is intimated at the school that the stadium is the logical place for the affair, and, while definite action has yet to be taken, it is thought that the advisers will have no difficulty in getting the use of the track for the meet.

Past years have found the athletes competing at the Maryland State College track, at Georgetown and elsewhere. Never in the history of track sports in this city have the high schools been assured of a place in which to stage their games.

Field Is Modern.

The new stadium contains a thoroughly modern track. There is a hundred-yard straightaway and 220-yard dash with one turn. In addition there are jumping pits for both pole vaulting and high jumping.

Central will probably have its athletes out as soon as is possible. Effort will be made to get the boys out of doors in the near future, as Coach Foley is intent upon sending his relay team to Philadelphia for the annual Penn relay carnival.

Asks for Stadium.

The faculty advisers have already gone on record as asking for the use of the field in football next fall. It is thought that the annual football games will be staged there.

Groundkeeper Fitzgald will probably allow the boys the use of the field in baseball this spring unless the grass is too tender. Last fall the field was thought to be too soft for football games, although Central staged many practices on the row field.

TOME BOYS HERE.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., March 2.—Coach George Green has sent in his entries for the George Washington meet, as follows: Relay team, William Lassen, George Marshall, Robert Bradford, and Marshall Fridmore. In the one-mile open and half mile scholastic, William Baker and T. Wrightson Tolson, respectively, and Marshall Fridmore and William Lassen in the fifty-yard scholastic.

ANOTHER CLUB IN GOLF ASSOCIATION

Walter R. Tuckerman, Chevy Chase, Gets Presidency of M. A. G. A.

Walter R. Tuckerman, of Chevy Chase, newly elected president of the Middle Atlantic Golf Association, will have no hoodoo number to contend with during the year. The admission of the Green Spring Valley Club of Baltimore to the ranks of the association boosts the number of clubs from thirteen to fourteen, and Tuckerman as well as the members of the association have welcomed the new member.

There was no hard luck attached to the office of president as filled by R. Warren-Corkran, Baltimore's crack golfer, but as Chevy Chase was awarded the annual tournament this year the office of president went with the choice of the course for the title event.

Pro Event Tabbed.

A proposed professional tournament for representatives of the section was tabbed by the association golfers at their meeting at the New Willard last night. When Chevy Chase was given the tournament it was decided to hold the event on the dates of June 7, 8, and 9.

Team championship matches will be held as usual this year. It was voted to give no prize to the team making the lowest aggregate score in the team title match.

Shinguff Elected.

R. Lee Shinguff, Maryland Country Club, was elected vice president; Alphaus Winter, Columbia Country Club, secretary; Yates Penniman, Baltimore Country Club, treasurer, and F. J. D. Mackay, Country Club of Virginia, a member of the executive committee.

The following delegates from the respective clubs were present: Baltimore Country Club, W. S. Symington, Jr.; Hancockburg Golf Club, Dr. J. R. De Farges; Chevy Chase Club, Morris Thompson; Columbia Country Club, Dr. Lee L. Harban; Hermitage Golf Club, W. W. Neale; Maryland Country Club, R. Lee Shinguff; Washington Golf and Country Club, George E. Truett; Wilmington Country Club, J. R. Bailey, and Country Club of Virginia, F. J. D. Mackay.

PLAY SEMI-FINALS.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 2.—Norman Maxwell, of the Aronimink Club, Philadelphia, and Robert Hunter, of the Weeburn Club, and E. C. Beall, Uniontown, and G. J. Murphy, of the Wallstown Club, are paired in the semi-finals of the spring golf tournament today.

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